
Wholistic Ministry Helps Others Come to Understand the Good News of the Gospel

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Here are some stories of impact from Southeast Asia:

- "One of the pastors that we work with saw that there was a Buddhist monastery where the monks were starving. He went to the other pastors and said, 'Let's take rice to the Buddhist monks.' The other pastor's response was, 'No way! Let them die, the sooner they are in hell the better.' But he went anyway, by himself, and gave them rice to keep them from dying. Eventually the head monk came to him in his orange Buddhist robe, asking if the pastor had other clothes he could give him because he wanted to become a Christian. (Buddhist monks take a vow of poverty and only have the orange robes that are on their backs.) He became a Christian and preached to many other monasteries. There were so many who came to Christ that the army took him in for questioning. He wasn't imprisoned, but the impact was clear."
- In one area where the churches would not work together at all a few years ago, they are now enthusiastically working together—along with two new churches! They also have a big Christmas activity planned together for December which will include training, baptisms, evangelism, and more.
- One community where there were no churches now has some home groups meeting. One of the community leaders was originally hostile toward us because he thought all Christians would unpredictably kill people (he was concerned about news he heard from Iraq and Afghanistan). However, after seeing us and our example, he understands more about Christianity and asks us for prayer.
- Some of our communities now have savings groups. After completing their first year with very good success, the parents are able to use their savings for school supplies for their children. Some are using the money for starting small businesses.

I'm looking forward to more updates in the days to come.

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